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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1573

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, US, SO

SUBJ: GSDR INVITES US NAVY VISIT

1. VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE BRIGADIER GENERAL OMAR HAJI  
MOHAMED INVITED CHARGE TO THE MINISTRY THIS MORNING, JULY 12,  
AND SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
WOULD WELCOME SHIP VISITS BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY. THE  
SOMALI OFFICER SAID THAT OPENING SOMALI PORTS WAS ONE WAY  
IN WHICH THE SMALLER NATION COULD COOPERATE WITH THE LARGER  
POWER IN THE IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE WHICH NOW CHARACTERIZES  
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THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND THE UNITED STATES. GENERAL  
OMAR HAJI SAID THE SUBJECT OF SHIP VISITS WAS DISCUSSED IN  
THE PAST, BUT THERE WAS NO FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE US SIDE.  
AS SOON AS A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED, HE ADDED, IT WOULD BE  
GRANTED WITHOUT ANY BUREAUCRATIC DELAY. IN RESPONSE TO  
THE CHARGE'S QUESTIONS, THE GENERAL SAID THAT BUNKER-  
ING FACILITIES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT BERBERA, MOG-

ADISCIO, AND CHISIMAYU. HE ALSO SAID THAT SAILOR LIBERTY PARTIES WOULD BE WELCOME ASHORE, AND THAT SOMALI OFFICERS WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM US NAVY OFFICERS AND TO ATTEND SHIPBOARD FUNCTIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY THE GENERAL INSTRUCTED HIS AIDE TO INQUIRE ABOUT BUNKERING FACILITIES AND INFORM THE EMBASSY BY JULY 15 OF EXACTLY WHAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN EACH PORT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THE USG MOVE PROMPTLY TO ACCEPT THE SOMALI OFFER AND SEND A SHIP TO MOGADISCIO. WE UNDERTAKE NO SPECIAL COMMITMENT IN SO DOING, BUT THE GSDR WILL REGARD A SPEEDY RESPONSE AS A POSITIVE SIGN. CHARGE WELCOMED THE SOMALI OFFER AS "A NORMAL STEP IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN FRIENDLY STATES", AND SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE IT TO WASHINGTON FORTHWITH. VOUGHT. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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